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SUBJECT: US-BULGARIAN CULTURAL RELATIONS

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1. BRITISH HAVE JUST ANNOUNCED IMMINENT EXHIBITION OF SLAVONIC MANUSCRIPTS FROM BRITISH LIBRARY (FORMERLY BRITISH MUSEUM LIBRARY) IN CRYPT OF ALEXANDER NEVSKY CATHEDRAL HERE. INVITATIONS ARE BEING ISSUED BY COMMITTEE FOR ART AND CULTURE. RECENTLY AUSTRIANS STAGED IN SAME PLACE EXHIBIT OF MANUSCRIPTS RELATING TO BULGARIA FROM VIENNA NATIONAL LIBRARY. IT WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL.

2. EMBASSY SUGGESTS LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, WHICH HAS IMPORTANT HOLDINGS OF BULGARICA, INCLUDING OLD MANUSCRIPTS AND BULGARIAN 19TH CENTURY "INCUNABULA" (PUBLICATIONS IN BULGARIAN ISSUED DURING TURKISH OCCUPATION), COULD PROBABLY OUTCLASS IN PUBLIC INTEREST HERE WHAT AUSTRIANS HAVE DONE AND WHAT BRITISH ARE DOING.

3. SUCH EXHIBIT WOULD BE OF INTEREST HERE WHETHER OR NOT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUTS ON SPECIAL EXHIBIT IN WASHINGTON DISCUSSED DURING VISIT OF DR. BOORSTIN HERE WSHFALL. IN FACT, IF THE WASHINGTON EXHIBIT TAKES  
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PLACE, MOVING IT TO SOFIA (AND PERHAPS ANOTHER BULGARIAN CITY) SUBSEQUENTLY WOULD MAKE IT A CULTURAL EVENT OF EVEN GREATER SIGNIFICANCE.  
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